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REMARKS

Claims 1-3 are pending in this application. The Examiner rejected Claims 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), rejected Claims 2-3 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), objected to the specification, and objected to Claims 1 and 2. Claims 1-3 and the specification have been amended in the foregoing amendment. No fees are believed due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 11-0855.

Objections to the specification and Claims 1 and 2

The Examiner objected to the specification indicating that the cross-reference to related applications does not appear in the proper order within the specification, and that there are section headings that do not correspond to the recommended headings. Applicants amended the specification to correct the order of the cross-reference to related applications and to delete the section headings that do not correspond to the recommended headings.

The Examiner also objected to Claims 1 and 2 for some informalities. Applicants amended Claims 1 and 2 to clarify the invention.

Seguchi Does Not Anticipate the Invention of Claim 1

The Examiner rejected Claim 1 as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,501,190 to Seguchi et al. ("Seguchi"). Applicants traverse this rejection for the reasons discussed below.

The hybrid compressor system of amended Claim 1 requires, among other elements, a clutch selectively transmitting the driving force of the vehicle-driving power source directly to the compressor and a one-way clutch selectively transmitting the driving force of the auxiliary power source to the compressor, the one-way clutch being mounted on the auxiliary power source.

Seguchi describes a compressor system in which a driving force of the engine 100 is transmitted to the compressor 600 via the motor/generator 200 using the one-way clutches 171 and 172. See Fig. 1 and Column 2, lines 34-63. Seguchi fails to describe a clutch that

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selectively transmits the driving force of the vehicle-driving power source directly to the compressor, as required by amended Claim 1. Thus, amended Claim 1 is not anticipated by Seguchi and Claim 1 should be allowed.

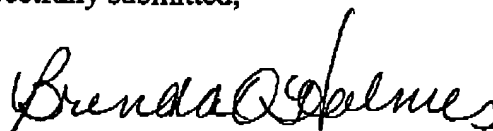
Claims 2 and 3

Claims 2 and 3 depend from amended Claim 1. The remarks made above in support of the patentability of the independent Claim 1 are equally applicable to distinguish the dependent claims from Seguchi. Accordingly, Claims 2-3 should also be allowed.

CONCLUSION

The foregoing is submitted as a complete response to the Office Action identified above. This application should now be in condition for allowance, and the Applicants solicit a notice to that effect. If there are any issues that can be addressed via telephone, the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned at 404.685.6799.

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